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SAINIK SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up any new Sainik School in the country;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof; and

(c) the details of criteria/guidelines fixed for admission in these schools alongwith the relaxation being provided to the various categories?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Defence has accorded `in principle` approval for setting up of new Sainik Schools at Chhingchhip (Mizoram), Ravangla (Sikkim) and Kudige (Karnataka).

(c) Admissions to Sainik Schools in Classes VI and IX are made in the order of merit in an All India Entrance Examination held once a year and in Class XI on the basis of performance in Class X Board examinations. All admissions are subject to medical fitness as per the standards prescribed for entry to National Defence Academy (NDA). The prescribed age limit is 10-11 years for Class VI and 13-14 for Class IX as on 1st July of the year in which admission is sought. 67% of the seats in any Sainik School are earmarked for boys belonging to the State in which the School is located. 15% of the seats in the State as well as outside State categories are reserved for Scheduled Caste candidates, 7Â½ % for Scheduled Tribe candidates and 25% seats for wards of Defence personnel including ex-servicemen.